



Tallon Pays Surprise Visit Home

First Lt. William P. Tallon, Jr., of 307 Spring Street, Trenton, formerly employed in the Survey and Plans Division in Newark, recently surprised his mother with a visit home after having been overseas in the South Pacific area for two whole years. Bill was commissioned in May, 1942, and ordered overseas almost immediately. He was with the First Army Unit to go to Guadalcanal. It was there he received a citation for capturing a Jap field gun which had been giving plenty of trouble, and was further rewarded with a "Battle Promotion" to the rank of 1st Lt. He then contracted malaria and jaundice and was evacuated to New Hebrides and later to New Zealand for treatment. Following his recovery, he returned to the Solomons, took a course in the Japanese language and later participated in the New Georgia campaign; was at Rendova Island, Vella La Vella, Kolombangara and New Georgia. After many months of fighting, the Division was sent on rest leave to New Zealand, and returned to action again early this year. In March of this year Bill anxiously awaited the drawing of names from his outfit who were eligible to return home. His name was the last to be drawn, and he had only a few hours to get together a small amount of luggage and to catch an Army Transport Plane home.

Lt. Tallon is now stationed at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, instructing in Jungle Fighting. His address is: Lt. Wm. P. Tallon, Jr. (0-1165260) Hq. 790th Field Artillery Bn., Camp Forrest, Tennessee. How about a letter?

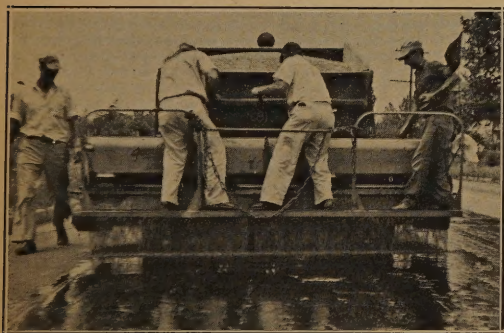
Credit Union Declares Dividend

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, July 10th, the Highway Credit Union in the 14th month of its existence declared its first dividend. The dividend covered the period from January 1st to June 30th, 1944, at the rate of 4.8% per year based upon \$5.00 shares. Any member owning at least one \$5.00 share who has not yet been credited with this dividend should present his pass-book to the Treasurer for prompt attention.

This is evidence the Credit Union is not only performing a valuable service to its members in providing funds for loans at a low rate of interest, but is also operating on a paying basis. Starting with a mere handful, it now boasts a membership of 116, with assets of \$2,381.35. As at July 15, 56 loans to the amount of \$3,475.00 had been granted to members.

Membership is open to any State Highway Department employee in Mercer County.

SPREADER IN OPERATION



This action shot portrays one of the Maintenance Division's new spreaders in action placing cover on road tar along Rt. No. 43 between Magnolia and Barrington, Camden County. The men shown are members of Maintenance crews from that vicinity. Walking, Maurice Mick, of Elwood and the southern exposures on the spreader from left to right—Gus Crescenzo, of Elm, Herman Krack, Egg Harbor, and Ralph Gerone, also of Elm. This activity of the Maintenance Division was described more fully in the June issue of THE HIGHWAY.

On Furlough



LT. TALLON

Wilson Honored At Testimonial Upon Retirement

On Monday evening, June 26, the Bridge Division Club feted Frank Stetson Wilson whose retirement from the Department became effective on July 1, 1944.

The scene of the festivities was the Yardley Country Club outside of Trenton, and those in attendance included Frank S. Wilson, Leon Chatton, William Clow, J. J. Koffler, R. B. Tisworth, R. E. Simon, J. F. Evans, J. J. Sheenan, R. R. Green, Frank Wood, M. Furry, C. H. Weller, A. J. Hall, P. H. Birch, Fred Dileo, Martha Scales, H. W. Giffin, J. E. Kersey, H. W. Lefferson, W. W. Voorhees, W. H. Umberger, J. H. Patrick, Wilbur Spencer, L. C. Petersen, Morris Goodkind, George Hefferman, C. M. Fox, A. J. Lichtenberg, Sven Hedin and W. Carman Davis. Arthur Lichtenberg, President of the Bridge Division Club presided as toastmaster and the principal address was given by Morris Goodkind, Bridge Engineer.

Other speakers included Charles M. Fox, Wilbur Spencer, L. C. Petersen, George A. Hefferman, Sven Hedin and W. Carman Davis. Wilson, who came to the Highway Department on July 16, 1923, received a scroll and wallet as tokens of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-workers.

As a Senior Bridge Designer, Wilson has been responsible for the structural design of such outstanding structures as the Route 21 Viaduct and reconstruction of the Hackensack River Bridge on the Lincoln Highway.

COURTESY ON THE ROAD SHOULD BE AIM OF ALL

State Highway Drivers Can Set Example for Motoring Public

The record compiled by operators of State Highway motor vehicles in driving millions of miles over New Jersey highways year after year is a record of safe driving. This is in itself a tribute to the carefulness and ability of those of our employees who have made a profession of driving.

In a nation where motor vehicles take a toll of 35,000 lives or more in a single year, a record such as that of the Highway Department assumes added importance. There can be no question but that safety must always be considered the most essential quality of a good driver. The ability to avoid accidents, prime requisite that it is, cannot be considered to be the only desirable characteristic of the man behind the wheel.

On highways as congested with traffic as those of New Jersey, courtesy driving must be considered as second only to safe driving; in many respects it is directly related to it. Courtesy driving is based primarily upon consideration of others even to the point of sacrificing certain rights which might be ours under custom and existing law.

A suggestion was recently received and accepted by the Suggestion Committee which dealt with the subject of courtesy driving by the operators of State Highway motor vehicles. The suggestor, Mr. Fred C. Claus, felt—and I am sure we are all in agreement—that no single group is in a better position to set an example of courtesy for others to follow than our own drivers. Among the points set down in this suggestion were the following:

1. Concede the right-of-way at all times.
2. Use fast lane only for the purpose for which it is intended, but do not exceed the recognized speed limit in so doing.
3. Never disregard traffic signals or anticipate change of color.
4. Exercise extreme caution when in the vicinity of a school or at loading and unloading points of school buses and common carriers.
5. Always give pedestrians the right-of-way. Never block the pedestrians' cross-walks at intersections where it is necessary to come to a full stop.
6. Use hand signals freely as an example to other motorists.
7. Where possible, render aid to motorists having mechanical difficulties.
8. Be willing at all times to give such information or directions as you are capable of doing.
9. Use horn judiciously, but never to hurry the motorist ahead of you.
10. Remember that your official license gives you no special privileges, but, on the contrary, obligates you to more rigidly observe the rules of the road than the average motorist.

As official representatives of one of the great departments of our State government, operators of Highway motor vehicles have a definite obligation to the motoring public; they are "ambassadors" of either good or bad will. The public bases many of its opinions about public service upon its contact with Highway employees. Let us see that through these contacts the citizens of New Jersey think well of the State Highway Department.

SPENCER MILLER, JR.
State Highway Commissioner.

Son Killed in Action

It was with regret that we learned recently of the death of Cpl. Chester Dickinson, son of George Dickinson, of Goshen, who is a member of Forman Ralph Evans' maintenance forces. According to word received by his parents, Corporal Dickinson was killed in Italy. He had been in the Army two years and had been overseas one year. Before entering the service he was captain of a party fishing boat at Reed's Beach. On behalf of all the employees of this Department throughout the State may we extend to Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson our deepest sympathy, and with them take pride in the supreme sacrifice which this young man has made for his country.

Bernard I. Moran

With the passing of Bernard I. Moran on May 27th the Projects Division lost another of its veteran inspectors. Moran died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of sixty-two.

He was a Highway Inspector and one of our most faithful and loyal employees. He first came with the Projects Division in August 1931 and with the exception of a month in 1942 when he was transferred to the Construction Division he has been with us ever since.

His home was at 400 Sloan Avenue, Collingswood, and he is survived by his wife to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Maintenance Men Get Purple Heart

Two members of the Maintenance Division were recently awarded the Purple Heart as a result of wounds received in World War No. 1 fighting.

The recipients of these awards were Foreman John B. Fulton of Trenton, and Robert Stephens, also of Trenton, a member of the Maintenance crew of Foreman Earl Buckalew.

Fulton, who saw extensive action in France during the last war, was gassed and wounded at Chateau-Thierry on July 18, 1918, while serving as a member of Company A, 6th U. S. Engineers, 3rd Division. He has been a Highwayman for 9 years. Stephens was wounded at Chantigny while facing the enemy with Company G, 16th Infantry, 1st U. S. Division. Bob bears scars of three other major engagements as reminders of his action in France.

The awards were bestowed upon these Highwaymen by their fellow-worker, Frederick J. Baker, Sr. Vice Commander of Trenton Chapter 1776, Military Order of the Purple Heart, who himself was wounded and gassed in World War No. 1 while serving with Ambulance Company No. 1 of the 1st U. S. American Division at Chantigny.

Baker, who was one of the organizers of Trenton Chapter 1776, is anxious to contact wounded veterans of World War No. 1 who have not received the Purple Heart and who reside in Mercer County.

The Order of the Purple Heart is the oldest U. S. military decoration, having first been awarded in August 1782 by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York.

Highway Surveys For Milkweed

The W. P. B. recently requested the Commodity Credit Corporation of the War Food Administration to collect at least 1,500,000 pounds of milkweed floss in 1944 to meet urgent war needs. This material is a substitute for kapok formerly imported from the Dutch East Indies and essential as buoyant material in life jackets. Time does not permit developing the plant as a crop and the needs must be obtained from wild plants.

Recognizing that Highway rights-of-way constitute one of the large areas of potential milkweed pod production, the Commodity Credit Corporation has requested and received the cooperation of the Highway Department in locating and preserving areas along the highway right-of-way where milkweed growth is concentrated. A survey has been made by field men of both the Maintenance and Projects Divisions and steps have been taken to refrain from mowing in areas where milkweed is concentrated.

Milkweed pods mature in early September and collection activities will be initiated through schools, War Boards, Federal and State Agricultural Agencies, 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross and others.

This issue of THE HIGHWAY, which incidentally is the 24th to go to press, is being edited by Gene Beckner who customarily writes Maintenance Notes.

Gene's cooperation is greatly appreciated, for it has enabled your Editor to enjoy a long delayed vacation.

I am sure you will like the job he does.

W. Carman Davis

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Wonder if the boys in the service have heard the story Bennett Cerf relates in his Sat. Review Column about a young officer who was walking alone on a dusty road when she espied a shimmering lake in a grove of beautiful trees. Not a soul was in sight. On an impulse she took off all her clothes and had a fine swim and sun bath in the altogether. Suddenly she saw an officer and sighed with relief when she got the last button closed before he entered the glade. The officer gave no attention to her shapely legs, but he saw the edge of the lake, wheeled about, and barked, "Camouflage battalion, 'tenshun'! Forward march." Every tree around the lake marched off.

Administration Division

ARTHUR EGAN

A recent headline in THE HIGHWAY, "Bureau of Audit, Short on Glamor, Long on Accuracy" prompted an unnamed bard to write this plea:

Gloom has fallen on Howell's halls,
Grim silence drips from the walls,
Key punches are covered with dust,
Calculators ringed with rust,
No joyful whoops from Elgin Mayer—
There's accuracy—but no glamor there,
Oh, Mr. Editor, lighten our woe,
Please tell us—please—it isn't so.

A letter from Captain Welling C. Howell to his father, Mr. Marvin L. Howell, demonstrates the resourcefulness and ingenuity of our boys under adverse conditions. After disposing of the Japs and despite the terrific heat, jungle, monsoon and a thousand other pests, the boys in New Guinea decided on a little entertainment and relaxation for themselves. Result was the founding of the New Guinea Turf Club and a decision to have a card of horse racing. Completing the track, they began rounding up available horses (some of them wild) and training the horses for the big day. During the monsoon season the time was spent in making and repairing saddles and bridles. Their efforts resulted in a nine race card, much to the delight of the Australians who are ardent horsemen. Captain Howell served as a Steward on race day and also trained and entered a horse named "Shoo Shoo Baby." "Shoo Shoo Baby" finished in fifth place, but, according to Captain Howell, was the fastest horse in the race and would have won going away except for a bad start.

CHATTER: Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Howell and Mr. and Mrs. John Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Howell celebrated their 35th and the Moores their 33rd anniversaries. Both have children on the battle fronts. . . Harry Hill and family vacationed at Brant Beach. . . Otto Peterson finished Boot Training and visited the Department. . . John Kowacki another sailor in to say hello and reports being shipped soon. . . Lt. Charles Kuhn, Jr., is now stationed in England, while Bob Kuhn is somewhere in the Pacific. . . Pvt. Rizziero (Champ) Cintia home for week-end. Champ's wife, Josephine, of the Mail Room, has been taking a lot of kidding since the visit. . . Lou Ulla also visited Ernie Birch and the File Room Gang. . . Pvt. Jerry Guadagno of Vince Lanigan's office, via the Mail Room, writes from Sioux Falls, S. Dakota. . . Wishes to be remembered to friends in the Department. . . Birthday congratulations to Bill Wildblood and Bill Ward. . . Paul Cranmer back on the job after a week's vacation. . . Sol Bonfanti home on furlough from Camp Pickett. . . Jim Martin of Mr. Grover's office enjoyed a vacation. . . Norman A. Smith, Lawrence Zazo, Frank Tindall and John Sullivan have returned to the Construction Division after doing inventory work for the Administration Division. . . Seaman and Mrs. Harold Jemison recently attended Coast Guard Flotilla 13 Dinner and Dance at Toms River. . . Dave Rodman is still waiting for Jenny to bring him in some of the fish he is catching. . . Mc. Tom Haver home on furlough and looking in fine fettle. . . Clyde Case and family vacationed at their Gilford Park bungalow. . . Harold Palmer and Jim Corle are two more who enjoyed vacations. . . Mr. and Mrs. Harry Geller have returned after visiting their son in Minnesota. From the girls in Gene Palmer's office and Bill Wildblood's office we hear a suggestion that the Highway pick its Pin Up Girl, and of all things—a Pin Up Boy.

Quotation for July

The World's Need

So many gods, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind
and wind,
While just the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Bowling League Banquet



Pictured above are members of the Highway Bowling League assembled at the First Annual Banquet in the Roman Hall, Trenton.

A business meeting was conducted by the President, Frank C. Dunn, who commended the other officers, the committee and the league members for their efforts in organizing and keeping the league intact for a very successful initial season. A unanimous vote of thanks was expressed to Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., and to Mr. E. V. Connett for their interest and especially for their donation of trophies to the League.

Officers for the 1944-45 season were elected as follows: President, Peter Tuozzolo; Vice-Pres., Jos. Mizsur and Sec'y-Treas., Wm. Carnival. Retiring President Dunn then turned the meeting over to the incoming officers who expressed briefly their views and ideas for the 1944-45 season.

The Championship Trophy was presented to the Equipment Division Keglers who triumphed in the playoff over Administration. Members of the Equipment Division Team are Mark Stevens (shown in insert), Joe Mizsur, Russ Cook, Ed McCabe, Tim Brennan and Armin Schleiter. The runner-up Administration bowlers were Frank Dunn, Warren Oldham, Frank Matzer, Tony Kuhn, Bill Howell and Frank Kimble.

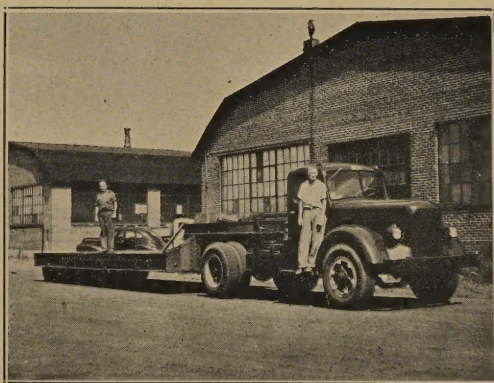
In spite of finishing in the runner-up position, Administration copped the lion's share of the Team and Individual awards.

High Team—Three Game—Administration	2697
High Team—Single Game—Administration	974
High Individual Three Games—Warren Oldham, Admin.	642
High Individual Single Game—Warren Oldham, Admin.	257
High Individual Average—Peter Tuozzolo, Proj.	182
2nd High Individual Average—Mark Stevens, Equip.	180
3rd High Individual Average—Frank Dunn, Admin.	179
4th High Individual Average—Warren Oldham, Admin.	171
5th High Individual Average—Frank Matzer, Admin.	170

Frank Dunn and his associates are indeed to be congratulated. Many well established bowling leagues fall by the wayside due to the difficulty of operating under wartime conditions, but the successful conclusion of the Highway League's first season bespeaks well the generalship of those in charge and the enthusiasm engendered. Let's make the 1944-45 season still better!

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE



RED'S NEW PRIDE AND JOY

After traveling all over the State of New Jersey for approximately 25 years with trucks of the A. C. Mack, Riker and Nash Quad calibre, Ray Tantom, better known as "Red," and his able assistant, Voorhees Breece, known as "Fats," are like kids with a new toy, for recently the Department secured for their use a brand new 1944 Mack Truck Model L. J. T-15 ton capacity and equipped with all the modern devices. It will be used in moving equipment such as concrete mixers, rollers, road graders, etc., to all parts of the State. This is but one more move on the part of the Equipment Division to have its fleet listed as one of the most modern in this part of the country.

While working in the southern portion of the State recently, Jake Wyckoff, Equipment Operator, noticed a flock of goats grazing in a field nearby. Deciding to take one home, Jake entered into a lengthy bargaining harangue with the owner and finally settled on a price which would have horrified the O.P.A. Proudly leading his expensive purchase to his own car which was parked nearby, Wyckoff finally induced the animal to enter and locked the door.

Going around to the other side of the car, Jake made the first of many attempts to enter and drive home. Each time he tried to get behind the steering wheel, the goat, who had his own ideas about the matter, met him with a head-on

Veteran Survey Group



This survey party posed for its picture while working along the Yardville by-pass along Doctors Creek. Part of the field force of the Flemington office of Survey and Plans they are left to right, standing: Leo LeJambre, Highway Inspector, who came to the Highway in 1928; Roger Sherman, Highway Inspector, employed by the Department a year later; and William Voorhees, Asst. Civil Engineer, a veteran of 22 years service. Kneeling: Wilfred Watson, Map Draftsman, whose service dates from 1939, and W. J. Hudak, Highway Inspector, who has been with the Construction Division since 1927.

objection. It appeared as if one goat at a time was all he would tolerate.

Finally, Wyckoff realized the futility of trying to argue the point and was forced to take the goat back to its original owner where, after much price haggling, he accepted half of his original investment in return payment.

Jake has slowly come to the realization that there is no money in goats.

Condolences are extended to Ray Tantom on the death of his mother who passed away on June 15th at her home in Trenton.

Now that Joe Thiel has left for his vacation at Gilford Park, Charlie Hart seems to have a little difficulty with his alarm clock and agrees that a good man like Joe is always missed.

Outing Scheduled

The Social and Welfare Association of the Equipment Division will hold an outing at Kuser Farm on August 19th, at which event sports of all kinds will be conducted with prizes for the winners as well as prizes for the holders of lucky tickets.

Chairman Geo. Smith and his committee are working very hard to make this outing the success we know it will be and they extend an invitation to all Highwaymen and their friends to come out and enjoy a pleasant day with their fellow workers.

Lots of eats and refreshments and no ration points needed.

LABORATORY LINES

Abram Watov

We have just learned that May 1, 1944, marked the 35th year that Fred H. Baumann, Acting Chief of Lab, has been in the service of the Highway Department. Congratulations! Also on May 22nd Fred's boy, Fred L., was graduated as a full-fledged fighter pilot in the Army Air Force and received his wings and a commission of 2nd Lieutenant. After a 10-day leave, he was assigned to the Air Force field at Eglin, Fla., for gunnery practice.

T/S George Goeller, formerly Asst. Testing Chemist, has been confined at the Station Hospital, Edgewood Arsenal, with a bad cold, but writes that he is now on the road to recovery. George has been a patient at Army hospitals in North Africa, Halloran, Staten Island, and Tilton Hospital, Ft. Dix, but we hope this is the last one for the duration.

Ed Pollock of the Navy writes that he is looking forward to getting back to Trenton again and tasting Trenton's good beer. Ed is stationed on a flat top in the Pacific and has seen a few U-boats sunk in action with his ship.

The Rutgers Extension Class visited the Lab recently. After witnessing a number of demonstrations and inspecting the Laboratory testing apparatus, many of the class expressed surprise at the thorough manner in which the Department checks materials to insure the finest highways that can be built.

ELECTRICAL FLASHES

REG BOWEN

On the evening of May 16, 1944, Ralph Lee rescued a young boy from the Maurice River near the bridge, immediately following the cautioning of three youngsters not to loiter around the bridge abutment, Lee started away when he heard one boy screaming for help. Lee succeeded in pulling the lad to shore. Incidentally the two other boys ran from the scene. Congratulations, Ralph!

During the night of May 26th, after faint calls for help were heard from the water, Charles Coulter, Bert Bellar were summoned. They soon located a man about 50 years of age, who had fallen between the wharf and log barge as he attempted to step on the barge. The length of time that the victim had been in the water was not known, but it was quite evident that he could not hold fast much longer. Bellar was successful with the help of Coulter in bringing him to shore where he was later removed to City Hall, given dry clothes and then charged with being under the influence of liquor. This heroic feat is but another evidence of the manner in which these men carry out their duties.

Attendant Alfred Weischadle has been re-employed and assigned to the Route 4 Victory Bridge. While on military leave, Alfred served eleven of the fourteen months with the Quartermaster Corp in Alaska as a truck driver. Upon his return to the west coast, he was hospitalized in the Shick General Hospital in Iowa, for an appendectomy operation.

Fred P. Stellwag, Chief Operator on Route 25M Passaic River Bridge, a member of the Essex County Civil Service Council No. 1, and James Lipari, Attendant on Route 4N Shark River Bridge and member and Vice President of the Monmouth County Civil Service Council No. 9, attended the New Jersey Civil Service Association convention in Trenton on May 20th as delegates from their respective councils.

We wish to welcome three bridge attendants recently employed and assigned to the following bridges as follows: James Getty—Shark River and Manasquan River; Horace Evans—Alloway Creek; and Frank Elwell—Rt. 44 Bridges, relief.

The deepest sympathy of this Division is extended to Walter Clayton, Bridge Attendant, and family upon the recent passing away of his mother.

Maintenance Notes

— GENE BECKNER —

Most recent of this Division's men in the service to return to duty is **Erwin Hartman**, of Somerville. Erwin returned to his work in the crew of Foremen N. J. **Pendergast** on June 30th after two years' service in the Army. It is a pleasure to welcome him back.

A big beer truck collided with one of our Department Chevrolet trucks up on Route No. 29 near Flemington recently, and the three employees who were riding in the Chevrolet truck—**Earl Kise**, **Abe O'Hare** and **Harold Whitehead**—were injured. Earl and Abe were severely hurt and have been hospitalized. Harold got off easier, suffering only minor lacerations. We are glad to report that both of the men who were more seriously hurt are progressing nicely.

Edgar Bieber, of Foreman **Augie Newman's** maintenance crew, was delegate to the 28th Annual Encampment of the N. J. Veterans of Foreign Wars held June 22 to 25 at Asbury Park, representing Betsystown Post No. 1862 of Elizabeth. Another convention attendant was **John Kahermans**, of **Arl Marshall's** landscape crew, who was a delegate to the convention of Disabled American Veterans held at Long Branch on June 23.

Clarence Hickman, of **Louis Sabatini's** Institutional Road Gang, has been forced to take a leave of absence on account of illness. We hope that his rest will put him in shape to return to work promptly.

Our sympathy is extended to **Raymond Brink**, of Frenchtown, whose wife, **Sophia**, died on Thursday, June 20th, after a long illness.

Sgt. Albert R. Bein, formerly Acting Assistant Foreman in **Howard Sweet's** landscape crew and at present with a bombing squadron somewhere in England, announces the birth of a son, **Albert W. Bein**, born June 11th. Congratulations, **Sgt.** and **Mrs. Bein**.

Supervisor **Jack Carr** is still trying to fathom the ladies. Imagining this observation at his age—First she wanted sheer stockings to look like bare legs. Now that she has bare legs, she uses make-up to make them look like stockings.

Joe Richmond, a member of **Ernie Youman's** maintenance crew, who was painfully injured in an auto accident which occurred while away from the job, is expected to return to work soon.

1st Lt. **Robert H. Magill, Jr.**, son of **Bob Magill**, mower operator in the Bergen County landscape crew, has been piloting a B-17 Flying Fortress over occupied Europe from England. He has made 22 missions, five of which were over Berlin and one a shuttle trip from England to Russia over Germany. He is the proud possessor of the air medal with three oak leaf clusters and has been personally cited by Major General **Jimmie Doolittle**. Bob is justly proud of the enviable record which his son has made.

One of the discoveries to come out of the war is a process for treating cloth that will make a man's suit wear twice as long. **Earl Storer** says that marriage already does that!

After months of waiting **Tony Kuhn** has finally received word of the safe arrival in the New Guinea area of his son, **Elli**. Bill writes that they are now enjoying their winter season down there with temperatures only around 90 degrees.

May we take this opportunity to extend our sincere sympathy to **Frank Peoples**, a member of **Joe Vizzini's** Institutional Road Crew, whose brother, **Donald**, was reported killed in action on the Italian front recently.

As this is written concrete evidence comes to me that it is really hot. **Alex. Muir** has his coat off!

Meet the Gang



We present above **Dan Marinaro's** Institutional Road Crew. This crew operates from the Morristown State Hospital and looks after road maintenance at various institutions in that area. They also form an indispensable part of the Maintenance Division's snow removal forces. Reading from the left the men standing are: **Vincent Sandelli**, **Anthony Parmigiani**, **Arthur Massi**, **Frank Diehl**, **Wesley Minner**, **Joseph Arkie**, **Nazarene Di Stefano**, **Albensi Baldino**; the two men seated in front are **Anthony Antonaccio** and **Gus Trullo**.

The Foreman, **Dan Marinaro**, is missing. He must have taken the picture, but we can refer you to an earlier issue wherein **Dan** is shown in his Navy uniform. A veteran of the first world war, he again enlisted in the current foray and received his honorable discharge from the service late last year.

PLANNING SURVEY

— JOHN CHRISTIANO —

First, we wish to publicly thank the Governor for the extra holiday on May 29th, and while we're in a grateful mood, let's thank the Custodian for treating us to hot water and paper towels all in one day! To be specific, it was May 25th. Keep up the good work **Jack**. We like it.

We all wish **Ed Strack** lots of luck in his new home. **Ed** says he is going to serve hassenfeffer and beer at the house warming. We won't let you down, **Ed**. We'll all be there.

Mr. J. A. Delgado repaired our pencil pointer, thereby saving the State the price of a new one. Nice work, **Del**.

We all hope **Mr. Johannesson** enjoyed his vacation. We understand he spent two weeks on the Metedeconk River.

Mrs. Helen Tallon of the Trenton Office paid us a business call last week. **Mr. Delgado**, formerly of the Trenton Office, thought it was old home week. Drop in more often, **Mrs. Tallon**.

We're very glad to know that **Miss Becker's** ankle, sprained while alighting from a train in Paterson, is well again.

Miss Franke, who was ill last week, came back looking like a million dollars. This writer stays out two days and comes back looking like "The Wreck of the Hesperus."

To Engineer in Charge, **Vincent C. Berberich**, we say congratulations on the new title.

We introduce **Joe Natale**, the fashion plate of the Department. That cerise and French blue ensemble sure is a honey, **Joe**.

Lillian Patania, our Key Punch Operator, besides being blessed with good looks, is also gifted as a poetess. Later, maybe we shall submit a photo.

BRIDGE BRIEFS

— A. J. LICHTENBERG —

Paul Gabrenas still busy with the allocation of materials for the Army Service Forces, but hopeful of leaving Cincinnati for Trenton about Oct. 1st. . . **Arthur H. Stetter** helping to build the Teslin River Bridge on the Alaska Highway while 60' of water rages through. . . **Patsy**, the 13 yr. old daughter of **Charles Fox**, recovering nicely from a compound fracture of the left arm. . . Cigars and candy on June 30th heralded the arrival of **Chester Smith's** first grandchild, daughter of **Mrs. Marjorie Everett**. The youngster has been named **Catherine Claudia**.

Al Heron looking better and headed for a summer of health building at Manasquan. . . **R. B.**

REAL ESTATE REPORTS

— ED DRAKE —

Vince Rebbeck recently had the pleasure of witnessing the graduation of his daughter, **Barbara**, from Junior High School, and his son, **Richard**, from elementary school.

Russ Johnson's son, **Bill**, after graduating from the Hightstown High School, enlisted in the navy. **Bill** passed his physical, has been sworn in, and is now awaiting to be called.

Frank Skillman's daughter, **Joyce**, who graduated from High School this year, has been entered in Western Maryland Methodist College.

Do you remember when the personnel of the Title Bureau consisted of four members, **Fred Vollmer**, Title Officer, **John Trainor**, Secretary, **Luke McKenny**, Title Searcher, and **Ed Drake**, Asst. Secretary and Asst. Title Searcher? That was twenty years ago.

Add Tall Stories

The following letter was received from **David Rogers** of Stanhope. **Dave** is an oldtimer in LaGrande Ely's maintenance crew who preents an interesting angle on trout fishing.

"Dear Sir:
"We get THE HIGHWAY every time it comes out but never see anything about us old cliff dwellers up in northern New Jersey. Now that the trout season is opened I thought that some of the boys down around the salt water would like to hear some fish stories.

"We have a lot of old strawberrry trout in Lake Musconetcong and about ½ a mile up in the field is a wild strawberrry patch. All you have to do to get your fish up here is to get about half way between the fish and the patch and get behind a tree. When the trout come up for some strawberries we jump out and hit them with a club.

Yours truly,
Dave Rogers."

Wonder what the Highwaymen down Barnegat way think of that one?

Your M. C. presents— THE LADIES... Bless Them

Your "M. C." feels decidedly vacation minded! The ideal weather we've been having is conducive to thoughts of riding along mountain trails in the early morning; baking a golden brown on white, hot sand; tall, cooling drinks and moonlight canoeing . . . and thinking of vacations.

While **Peg Anderson** was vacationing at Seaside, **Pauline Weiland**, **Ruth Barbour**, **Marion O'Hara** and **Helen Tallon** found the time (and a very nice time, we understand) to visit her there. **Peg** has since returned from her monthly rest, tanned and glowing with good health.

"Down by the Sea" seems to have become the favorite resort to escape the heat and acquire a tan. **Evelyn Maley** and **Helen Diabrow** selected the beach at Wildwood. **Mabel Beans** is enjoying a week at Stone Harbor. **Marilyn Siddal**, **Betty Orosz** and **Mary Cunningham** are also on the "vacationing" list.

Florence Millerick is spending her hours in the sun at Seaside. It's really a well deserved rest for **Flo**. Her father's recent illness has kept her quite busy. We're more than happy to hear that he is doing well now.

In honor of their birthdays, **Mary Masarotti** and **Marion Hester** were entertained recently at Weinmann's. **Kathryn I. Laughry**, **Lorraine Birch**, **Catherine Applegate**, **Betty Levie** and **Helen Tallon** acted as hostesses at the dinner, and the girls were presented with lovely gifts.

Ruthie Moran and her husband celebrated their first wedding anniversary recently. They attended the play "There's Always Juliet" at the Bellevue Stratford Playhouse in Philadelphia.

We are glad to welcome two new Assistants assigned to the Lab. . . **Mary Ryan**, daughter of **Joe Ryan**, also of the Laboratory, and **Helen Scrivener**. It is believed the presence of women will be a good influence on the boys.

Another newcomer to our midst, **Eileen Logan**, assigned to the Administration Division, is very welcome.

Helen Tallon, on official business in the State-Wide Highway Planning Office, was entertained at luncheon in Newark by **Margaret Hennessey** and **Mary Chamberlain**. **Mary** and **Margaret** send their regards and best wishes to all their friends in Trenton.

"Bye now.
ing from the several satchels and briefcases loaded with closely typed notes that **Frank** took along with him, he must have been plenty busy.

Mr. Reed is back in the office again after having spent a week at home resting in compliance with his doctor's orders.

PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

— E. L. MEYER —



FORSTER AWARDS PURPLE HEART

A recent letter from Commander **Guido Forster** contained some mighty interesting snapshots and about half a dozen types of paper money from New Caledonia.

Guido is located there as Commanding Officer of Navy Advanced Base No. 131. The place is quite French and somewhat primitive, but they get along quite well.

When the occasional transports put in and leave them food they celebrate with a steak or turkey dinner. It's winter there now and the climate is ideal, the temperature ranging from the 50's to the 70's, but before long **Guido** expects to go farther south on a tour of duty to Dunedin, N. Z., where overcasts are in order.

Last May 20th Forster went to

Titsworth confounding the office with a triangular patch of sunburn on the head, after a fishing trip off Tuckerton. A hole in his hat accounted for the triangle, but no one has accounted for the lack of fish. . . **Marcel Ludasy** enthused about that week in the Poconos. . . **Mrs. L. C. Petersen** better after a recent illness.

Harry Lefferson living close to nature for three weeks at Lockes Mills, Maine, 75 miles southwest of Portland. . . **Sven Hedin** week-ending at Belmar.

Alvah J. Hall, retired, in for a visit and looking fine. . . **Wilbur Spencer's** son, **W. S. Jr.**, inducted in U. S. Naval Reserve and now at Sampson, N. Y. Naval base. . . **Phil H. Burch** spending time at Ocean Gate on Toms River. . . **Walt Devereux**, a twenty-five year man this far to recovery after a recent hospitalization. . . **Sam Rankin**, now of Brooklyn, in for an interesting chat about the wonderful work of refitting and repairing being done on naval vessels. . . **Morris Goodkind** in Washington, D. C. June 7th and 8th on War Department consultation. . . **Bridge Division Club** held its outing near Trenton, July 18th. Sports and food featured the program.

a "SeaBee" camp and presented five of the men with the "Purple Heart" decoration. They had been wounded in the fighting on Guadalcanal, October 12, 1942. This review and presentation were arranged and carried through by Lt. Com. **J. M. Hulse**, of Manasquan, who is a member of our Construction Division. The enlarged snapshot of the presentation ceremonies shown above was sent to **Mr. Reed**. After the ceremonies **Guido** invited the officers and newly decorated men to a cocktail party in his quarters and they had an excellent time.

John Schwartzwalder of the Motor Vehicle Department is also there, and since he formerly worked for the Highway Department **Guido** gets a kick out of talking to him about the folks here in the Department.

Guido's new address is: Commander **Guido Forster**, C. O. Navy, A. B. No. 131, c/o F. P. O., San Francisco, Cal.

A seven pound, ten ounce son was recently born to the **James Hardings**. **Jim** is the Projects Engineer for our northern counties of Sussex, Passaic and Bergen. He says mother and son are doing fine.

Incidentally, **Jim's** new home is at 137 Van Avenue, Pompton Lakes, N. J.

Mr. Frank E. Harris, Assistant Supervisor of State Aid Projects, announces a new granddaughter, born to his youngest daughter, **Virginia**, on Saturday, July 8th. The baby's father is overseas.

The death of **Jack Frascella's** father came just three weeks after **Jack** lost his wife.

His father, **Dito Frascella**, was in his seventy-third year and had been seriously ill for several months. He died on May 31st.

We sincerely hope that **Jack's** troubles are finally over.

Mr. Frank Hulfish, of our auditing staff, spent part of his vacation attending the Odd Fellows Convention at Atlantic City. Judge-